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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

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To the Oundle Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to report on the Health of the Town during the year 1945 as follows :—

General Description.

The town stands at a level varying from 60 to 200 feet above sea-level.

It comprises an area of 2,075 acres, exclusive of that covered by water.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the resident population (mid-1945) is 2,413. This, I think, omits Oundle School boys.

There are 651 inhabited houses at the end of the year, according to the Rate Books.

The rateable value is £18,328.

A penny rate produces £74 8s. 7d.

The chief industries are a brewery and general shops. There are no factories.

There is also an important public school with some 600 resident boys, and two elementary schools.

Vital Statistics.

	Male.	Female.
Live Births	16	13
Legitimate	12	12
Illegitimate...	4	1
Still Births	0	1

Birth Rate = 12·01 per 1000.

	Male.	Female.
Deaths	13	12

Death Rate = 11·1 per 1000.

Infantile Death Rate = 0 per 1000.

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	*nil*
Cancer	3
Tuberculosis	*nil*
Diphtheria	*nil*

Zymotic Disease.

Measles	13 notifications.	
Scarlet Fever	1 ,,	
Tuberculosis	2 ,,	
Diphtheria	1 ,,	(Military).

Sanitary Circumstances.

WATER.—There is an abundant supply of water, which is softened from 29 to 10 to 14 degrees of hardness.

Quarterly analyses have all been excellent.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.—Drains and sewers are efficient and well kept.

Sewage works are old-fashioned, but effective.

Refuse is collected twice a week.

PUBLIC LAVATORIES.—There is a public lavatory for women in the Market Place.

SWIMMING BATHS.—There is a bathing place in the river under the Council's direction and the Oundle School has a large open-air swimming bath.

Diphtheria Immunization.

This is done by the County Medical Officers and private practitioners.

It is estimated that 65 % of the children under 15 years of age have been immunized.

Prevention of Blindness.

No cases have occurred.

The town is clean and healthy ; food, water and drainage are good, and roads are well kept.

I append the Surveyor's Report.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

B. R. TURNER, B.A., M.B., B.C. Cantab.

Oundle Urban District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WATERWORKS ENGINEER, SURVEYOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR.

To the Medical Officer of Health.

Sir,

I herewith submit my Report of work carried out for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

Public Water Supply.

A pure and constant Water Supply has been maintained throughout the year. The consumption is above normal.

Main Sewers.

The Main Sewers have been regularly inspected and flushed and are in order.

Sewage Outfall Works.

The Sewage Outfall Works have been well maintained.

Sewer Rodent Control.

As directed by the Ministry of Food, 90 % of the manholes were pre-baited. Total takes, 7. Poison baits were then laid. Only 3 complete baits were taken ; no bodies were found.

Rat Week.

The Campaign against rats resulted in 31 actually killed.

327 poison baits were laid and nearly all baits were taken.

A Report of the results was sent to the Ministry of Food.

Food Inspection.

On request the undermentioned commodities were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Butter Beans	6 cwts.
Cake Mixture (old stock)	265 tins.
Evaporated Milk	33 tins.
Prunes	15 lbs.
Sultanas	50 lbs.
Sausages	10 tins.
Fish	83 lbs.

Chopped Ham	24 lbs.
Oysters	100
Bacon	49 lbs.
Cheese	117 lbs.
Marmalade	3 tins.
Meat	4 tins.
Butter	2½ lbs.

One whole Pig (privately owned).

Infectious Disease.

All infected and dirty houses were fumigated and bedding and clothes treated at the Public Institution in the Steam Disinfector.

Milk and Dairies Order.

Regular inspections have been made.

Tuberculin tested milk is being produced at the Stoke Road Dairy Farm, also at the Ashton Road Dairy Farm.

Clean Milk Production (Keeping Quality).

20 samples of Raw and T.T. Milk were taken during the year.

3 samples of T.T. Milk were designated Good.

1 sample of T.T. Milk was designated Moderate.

10 samples of Raw Milk were designated Good.

4 samples of Raw Milk were designated Moderate.

2 samples of Raw Milk were designated Bad.

Houses Examined showing Cause for Action.

Infectious Disease	*nil*
Dirty Houses	2
Overcrowding	1
Defective Drainage and Fittings and General Repairs	46
Other Causes	3

Number of Notices Served.

1. Statutory	*nil*
2. Preliminary and Letters	37

INSPECTIONS OTHER THAN NUISANCES.

Works in Progress	43
Bakehouses, Dairies, Cowsheds, and Workshops	24

Drainage and Sanitation.

Improvements have been carried out to 36 houses.

Ministry of Works.
Control of Civil Building.

LICENCES.—On behalf of the Minister of Works the writer has granted 19 Licences for repairs and renovation of houses and other properties where the cost has exceeded £10.

Yours truly,

H. W. BOLTON,

M. Inst. M. & Cy. Eng., Cert. R.S.I.,

Water Engineer, Surveyor,
and Sanitary Inspector.

January 23rd, 1946.